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CAMELET-2 Sources - "FRIEDL"

1. "FRIEDL" is the pseudonym of a CAMELET-2 source, alleged to be a ranking LDP functionary in the DDR. He is supposed to have furnished the bulk of the political information on top level LDP developments in connection with the inauguration of the SEMENOV course just prior to the uprising. A report submitted by "FRIEDL" was published in CAMELET's newspaper. A copy of the original report will be sent forward as ECB-2390.

2. Based on incidental source description contained in ECB-2390 the following inferences regarding the identity of "FRIEDL" can be drawn:

a. He must be a ranking LDP functionary of sufficient stature to attend a meeting of the LDP leadership with High Commissioner SEMENOV.

b. He may be one of the five members of the LDP directorate in attendance at the meeting. Since the report mentions Dr. LOCH and TANSCHNER by name, "FRIEDL" can be presumed to be identical with neither, which would leave three members to pick from.

c. "FRIEDL" is likely to be a ranking member of the German-Soviet Friendship Society, because SEMENOV, according to the report, queried him about the attitude of the society toward the Soviets.

d. Source is possibly district councillor (Bezirkerrat) of the district of Magdeburg, responsible for the financial management of the district.

e. Source is presumably a resident of Magdeburg.

3. According to CAMELET-2, his source never submits written reports, but yields crumbs of information in the course of very prolonged evening sessions, mainly devoted to the card game of "Skat". "FRIEDL" is prone to pose as an "unwitting" source, but is fully aware that CAMELET-2 is making professional use of the information thus gathered.

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4. CANLEY-2 has not offered to turn the source over to me, but is willing to submit our briefs. In view of the newsworthiness of this source, I can appreciate that it is a matter of considerable importance to CANLEY's newspaper to hold on to him. I shall strive, however, to identify "FRIER" in order to satisfy myself as to his existence and in order to provide you with some factual source information as a basis for evaluating the intelligence he purveys.

Approved by: